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in which the State had invested Bh. Rs. 10 lakhs, into the 5 per cent. loan of 1935 and another sum of Rs. 1¼ lakhs was credited in the accounts, being the difference between the face value and the purchase value of the Government of India Securities purchased during the current year for the Surplus Investments of the State. This accounts for the receipt of nearly Rs. 2 lakhs under premium.

10. The decline of less than Rs. ½ lakh in the receipts from the railway from Shencotta to Trivandrum as compared with the budget estimate of Rs. 2 lakhs for the year and the fall of nearly Rs. 1 lakh as compared with the actuals of 1100 is explained by the fact that while the gross earnings from the Travancore Branch of the railway for the first half year ended 30th September 1925 was nearly Rs. 11¼ lakhs, those during the second half year ended 31st March 1926 were only Rs. 9½ lakhs, thus showing a decrease of Rs. 1¾ lakhs; and the working expenses rose slightly from Rs. 6,09,000 in the first half year to Rs. 6,17,000 during the second. The fall in the gross earnings during the second half year was mainly due to breaches during December 1925 and to the reduction in passenger fares. The budget estimate for the ensuing year is however placed at Rs. 2 lakhs as against the receipts of Rs. 2½ lakhs in 1100 and of Rs. 1,65,800 in the current year assuming that there will not be adverse circumstances in the official year beginning from 1st April 1926.

EXPENDITURE.

11. Turning to the expenditure side, the revised estimates show that there will be a saving of Rs. 3¼ lakhs spread over the various major heads; and a few items which show variations of over Rs. ½ a lakh have been explained in the Memorandum attached to the Budget

BUDGET ESTIMATES OF 1102.

12. I shall now proceed to deal with the budget estimates for the next year. The sale proceeds of Government lands were hitherto included in land revenue receipts. As these receipts, which are estimated at Rs. 4 lakhs, are more or less of the nature of capital receipts, they have been taken outside the general revenue receipts and shown under capital revenue receipts in the budget estimate of 1102. Thus, the estimate of total revenue in the year 1102 is placed at Rs. 211½ lakhs and it is generally based on the revised estimates for the current year. A sum of Rs. 208 lakhs has been allotted for expenditure which is nearly Rs. 8 lakhs in excess of both the actuals of 1100 and the revised estimates for the current year. The ensuing year is thus expected to result in a revenue surplus of nearly Rs. 3½ lakhs.

REVENUE.

13. The total revenue next year is expected to fall short of the anticipated receipts of the current year by Rs. 5¾ lakhs. There are not many items on the revenue side which require any special explanation. The receipts from land revenue are placed at Rs. 5 lakhs less, the decrease being chiefly due to the removal of the item "Sale of Government lands" outside the revenue receipts, with a reduction of Rs. ¾ lakh

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as compared with the revised estimate. Another sum of Rs. ¾ lakh has been reduced from Stamps and Registration, a slight decline being anticipated in the abnormal increased receipts of the current year. The only other item which need be mentioned is the receipts under Interest. This has been budgeted for Rs. 1¼ lakhs less than the anticipated receipts for the current year. As stated in para 9 above, it is the net result of the omission of the non-recurring receipt on account of premium on the purchase of Government of India Securities and of the addition on account of the increased estimate of interest receipts for two half-years on the surplus investments in Government of India Pro-notes made in the current year. The estimate of Rs. 2 lakhs under railways for the next year has already been explained.

EXPENDITURE.

14. On the expenditure side, the original estimate of established charges was Rs. 203½ lakhs. With the help of the Finance Committee, the Government examined 108 new proposals for additions in the budget and have provided an additional sum of Rs. 4½ lakhs. References to these proposals are detailed in foot-notes to the budget.

15. *Land Revenue Department.* A sum of Rs. 14,200 has been provided for the improvement of markets. Besides this, another sum of Rs. 13,600 has been allotted in the Public Works Budget under Incomplete and New Works, thus making a total provision of Rs. 27,800. As a result of the discussions in the Legislative Council and representations in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, it is proposed to raise the number of 1st grade *Proverthikars* from 56 to 100 and to reduce correspondingly the number of 2nd grade *Proverthikars* from 349 to 305.

16. *Forests.* A sum of Rs. 11,200 has been provided under the Forest Department for forest settlement work by the appointment of a full-time officer with the necessary staff for settling claims in respect of 25 proposed reserves pending enquiry. The Forest School at Konni is to be continued for another year.

17. *General Administration.* A Special Officer has been appointed with effect from 7th Edavam 1101, for conducting enquiries into applications from Ezhavas under Section 33 of the Ezhava Regulation for exemption from the provisions of Chapters IV and VII (1) of the Regulation; and in view of the large number of applications in respect of which enquiries have to be conducted, provision has been made for the continued employment of the Special Officer and his staff up to the end of Tulam 1102.

18. *Administration of Justice.* Provision is made for the continuance of the temporary Bench of the High Court as well as of the temporary Second Judges' courts and of five out of the six temporary Munsiffs courts. It is also proposed to continue the three temporary Sirkar Vakils throughout 1102. A temporary staff for the Rule Committee has been provided for, as also a provision of Rs. 30,700 for the Law's Delays Committee for a period of eight months in 1102. Under Civil and Sessions

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